

Special Farmers' Day Edition.

ENTHUSIASM RUNS HIGH ON FARMERS' DAY AT THE AGRICULTURAL COLLEGE

Over One Thousand Farmers and Farm Women
Inspect the Work of the Institution and
Give It Their Hearty Endorsement

College Park, Md., May 29.

Over one thousand farmers and farm women from every section of the State thronged the grounds of their Agricultural College today in enthusiastic celebration of Farmers' Day at the institution. In spite of cloudy weather and frequent showers, the crowd was in evidence everywhere about the College and Experiment Station, watching demonstrations, inspecting experimental fields, and looking into the equipment of the various departments and what they were doing of practical use to the farmer. Hundreds came in their own machines or in auto busses over the improved roads which now lead to the Agricultural College from every county in the State, indicating that the Maryland farmer, as well as his other fellow citizens, is enjoying modern luxuries and the benefits of improved roads.

During the morning the visitors were shown about by the County Agricultural Agents of the State who have been here in conference for the past two days in co-operation with the faculty and students of the College and Experiment Station. Every effort was made to have the morning instructive to them. Methods of spraying, cultivation, and selection of seed were explained and illustrated. The greenhouses and poultry yards especially interested the women folk, who were ready with questions to puzzle the experts in charge. A mass meeting for farm women in Science Hall, in charge of the Assistant State Agent in Charge of Women's Demonstration Work, also gave them an opportunity to become acquainted

with the efforts their Agricultural College is making to be of especial use to them in the work of the farm home. The men, on the other hand were kept busy walking from one field to another where they saw at first hand how the College and Experiment Station secure improved varieties of wheat and oats, where wilt resistant tomatoes are developed, how the grass yields can be doubled even in a dry year by the proper use of fertilizer, how plant diseases are controlled, how the epidemic of hog cholera is prevented, how to build the cheapest yet most sanitary types of dairy barns and silos, how fruit varieties are improved, and a hundred other points of practical interest to the farmer who has never seen what the College and Experiment Station are attempting to accomplish for him.

At noon a picnic lunch was served to the crowd, it being followed by an exhibition drill by the student body. Immediately following, the program for the afternoon was opened in the College Auditorium, which was crowded to the doors. President H. J. Patterson introduced as the first speaker of the day, Hon. Carl Vrooman, Assistant Secretary of the Department of Agriculture. Secretary Vrooman spoke on the New Agriculture and urged every farmer present to lend his efforts toward making the wealth of agricultural knowledge in the possession of the Department of Agriculture and the Agricultural Colleges available in his own farm practice and that of his neighbors. He stated the Department of Agriculture of the United States was the most splendidly equipped of its kind in the world, and that it was up to the farmers of Maryland to make use of its resources. To make them more generally available, so that both progressive farmers as well as those less forward might make use of them, he explained how the system of demon-

stration work is now being established all over the country. It is the aim of the Federal Government to place in every county a County Agricultural Agent who will co-operate with the Department of Agriculture and the Agricultural College in bringing information to the farmer and in helping him to make practical use of it. He is the direct representative of these agencies of scientific agriculture, in fact, serves as their middleman in putting such knowledge into shape that the farmer can best make use of it.

"However," said Secretary Vrooman, "it is not with greater profits that the farmer should be content to end his efforts. That is not our ultimate aim. Our aim is to establish organized co-operation in every neighborhood. We want the farming people to feel that they are the builders of the finest type of civilization. We want them to train their children to carry on this work that they have begun. This is the goal toward which the New Agriculture leads—civilization building, something bigger than greater profits or dollar worship. Greater profits are only the sound foundation on which we are working for the establishment of the co-operative spirit, the spirit of organization, in every country neighborhood for the common good of all concerned."

Secretary Vrooman was followed by Hon. Robert Crain of Baltimore, representing the Board of Trustees of the College. He made a most earnest plea for the proper endowment of the institution, and laid all blame for its present lack of funds and equipment to the indifference of the farmers of the State toward it as an institution that was and is intended to be of an essential help to them. He urged that they get together and send an organized delegation before the next legislature demanding a million dollar appropriation for the equipment of their Agricultural Col-

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lege. He commended the efforts and work of President Patterson and his fellow workers, comparing them to the man who has been scratching his ground with a broken spade or a rake with one tooth. "Give them a decent set of tools to work with and then you can expect the results you wish," he declared.

Following his address, A. W. Mal-lery, of Prince George's county, rose to his feet and made the request that the farmers be allowed to hold for a few minutes an impromptu meeting in which they might express their sentiments regarding the future development of the College. He presented the following resolutions, Mr. Crain being called to the chair:

"WHEREAS, the desire for the development of our agricultural resources is uppermost in the minds of all loyal citizens of this State, knowing as they do that agriculture bears such an intimate relation to the material upbuilding of the commonwealth, and the advancing of the happiness and contentment of the people, and

"WHEREAS, the farmers of Maryland have assembled at the State Agricultural College to observe the great work that this Institution is doing in our behalf, through its various Departments, and recognizing the great need for an equipment commensurate with the interest which this Institution represents;

"BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED, that we, the farmers of Maryland, in attendance at the "Farmers' Day" meeting 1915, hereby express our great gratification at the progress that is being made under existing conditions, and do pledge our co-operation and earnest support in securing from the next Legislature adequate appropriations for developing the agricultural resources of Maryland through the instrumentality of the Maryland Agricultural College and Experiment Station;

"BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that a copy of these resolutions be transmitted to the newspapers of the State for general publication."

An amendment was offered to the resolutions endorsing the record of Dr. H. J. Patterson as President, and urging the Board of Trustees to retain him as permanent president. The resolution was passed with a unanimous rising vote, after which the meeting was adjourned.

The dedication of the new gate at the entrance of the College grounds, to be known as Founders' Gate, then took place. President R. M. Pindell, Jr., of the Alumni Association of the College, delivered the dedicatory address, recalling the splendid services of the founders of the College and urging the support of the people of the State in securing means for the future development of the institution.

The tablets commemorating the founders were unveiled by Miss Mary Hill Goldsborough and Miss Emily McLane Merryman. The Reverend Henry Thomas pronounced the benediction.

Another event not scheduled as a part of the days' events was a short visit from President Woodrow Wilson. Following the dedication of Founders' Gate, the baseball teams of the St. John's College and M. A. C. lined up for their scheduled game. While it was in progress, President Wilson, out for a ride in one of the White House automobiles, stopped a while to watch the play. He was recognized at once, greeted by President Patterson, and cheered by the student body. He watched the game for over half an hour before going on his way, having given a most pleasant finishing touch to what, in spite of adverse weather conditions, was in every sense a splendidly successful day for the farming people of the State and their Agricultural College.

CAPONIZING DEMONSTRATION AT COLLEGE PARK, JUNE 10

College Park, Md., May 29.

In response to numerous requests, Roy H. Waite, Poultryman for the Experiment Station, has arranged for a special demonstration in caponizing at the Poultry Plant on June 10, to

which anyone interested is cordially invited. Mr. Waite says—

"Every season I get many inquiries in regard to caponizing chickens along about this time of the year. While caponizing requires little skill in the operator, still it is hard to explain satisfactorily in a letter. We will do some caponizing at the Station Poultry Plant, June 10th, and will be glad to have any who are interested in the work call and "try their hand" at that time.

"One should be able to learn the operation with but little difficulty. About all that is required is a steady hand and a little 'nerve.' Any person should be able to learn by simply following the directions which accompany the instruments sold for the purpose. The operation looks hard and it seems almost cruel to make an incision directly into the bird's abdominal cavity, but very little pain seems to accompany the operation. It is also seldom that any after effects occur, for birds seem to be able to stand more surgery than most any of the other animals."

COLLEGE STUDENTS DESIRE FARM EXPERIENCE

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opportunity to secure intelligent help during the busy part of the summer, as well as enabling the students to gain the practical field knowledge which is just as essential to their training as any other part of their education. Through no fault of their own a number of these men have not had farm training yet are most anxious to equip themselves for agricultural work. This is the opportunity of the progressive farmer to gain the help of a good worker and at the same time help a young man in his efforts to find a useful place in our country life. All communications should be addressed to the President, Maryland Agricultural College, College Park, Md.

